CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA
REGULAR MEETING

FEBRUARY 21, 2006

CALL TO ORDER:
Mayor Lavagnino called the Regular Meeting of the City Council to order at 6:30 p.m.

INVOCATION:
Pastor Brian Parcel of the First United Methodist Church gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:
Councilmember Trujillo led the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL:
MEMBERS PRESENT
Councilmembers Mariscal, Orach, Patino, Trujillo, and Mayor Lavagnino.

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT
City Manager Ness, Assistant City Manager Haydon, City Attorney Trujillo, Police Chief Macagni, Director of Community Development Lindsey, Fire Chief Ortiz, Director of Utilities Chisam, Director of Public Works/City Engineer Sweet, and Chief Deputy City Clerk Perez.

ANNOUNCEMENTS
Mayor Lavagnino announced that the City would begin posting video of the City Council meetings on its web site at www.ci.santa-maria.ca.us effective Wednesday, February 22nd. People logging onto the web site would be able to view a video of the Council meeting from their home computer.

VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH
Councilmember Orach recognized Donna Freeman and Sandra Lee, the Recreation and Parks Department Volunteers of the Month for February 2006, for their enthusiasm and dedication in volunteering for Recreation and Parks Department fundraising events such as the VIP Dinner and the Law Enforcement Torch Run events. He presented gifts to Kanani Manoa who accepted on behalf of Donna Freeman and Sandra Lee.

PUBLIC COMMENT
Bob Ziener spoke regarding the media promotion being used to advertise the new Allegiant Airlines flights to Las Vegas which promoted it as the one-stop gambling and showgirl destination, instead of referencing McCarran International Airport as a hub airport. It was an opportunity to highlight what the Santa Maria Public Airport can provide - connections to other cities.

Dave Ericson spoke regarding a request he had made on numerous occasions to the Police Department for a breakdown and explanation of crime statistics, particularly aggravated assaults.

Ernest Armenta spoke in opposition to a ballot measure to continue Measure D funding. He also requested the Planning Commission and Recreation and Parks Commission meetings be televised.

CONSENT CALENDAR
Consent Calendar Items A through L were approved with the indicated action on motion by Councilmember Orach, seconded by Councilmember Patino, and carried on the following vote:

AYES: Councilmember Mariscal, Orach, Patino, Trujillo, and Mayor Lavagnino
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

A. ORDINANCES
The reading in full of all ordinances and resolutions was waived. Ordinances on the Consent Calendar are adopted by the same vote cast at the first reading unless City Council indicates otherwise.

B. MINUTES
The Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of February 7, 2006, were approved as submitted.

C. PERSONNEL CHANGES
Resolution No. 2006-18 was adopted approving personnel changes and job specifications authorized by the City Council on February 7, 2006, as part of the Quarterly Financial Report, and Resolution No. 2006-19 was adopted approving amendments to the City's Conflict of Interest Code to reflect same.

Resolution No. 2006-18 adopted. RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING PERSONNEL CHANGES AND JOB SPECIFICATIONS.

Resolution No. 2006-19 adopted. RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING APPENDIX "A" OF THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE FOR DESIGNATED FILERS OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA.

D. BOND RELEASE
Council accepted as complete certain public improvements and authorized the release of a Faithful Performance Bond in the reduced amount of $30,000 for the construction and installation of public improvements posted in connection with The Village, Tract 5846, with the order that the Contractor, Labor and Material Bond be held until August 2006 and the Guarantee and Defective Material Bond be held until February 2007.

E. WARRANTS
Warrant Nos. 125439 to 125718 in the amount of $2,018,410.60 were ordered ratified subject to having been certified as being in conformity with the budget and having been approved for payment by the Director of Administrative Services. Warrant No. 125332 was cancelled.

F. PAYROLL
Payment of payroll was ordered ratified subject to having been certified by the proper Department Heads, as shown on records on file in the Department of Administrative Services and having been approved for payment by the Director of Administrative Services.

G. ORDINANCE NO. 2006-02
Council conducted the second reading of Ordinance No. 2006-02, making technical amendments to the Santa Maria Municipal Code, and adopted the ordinance.

Ordinance No. 2006-02 adopted. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA AMENDING VARIOUS SECTIONS OF THE SANTA MARIA MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO PERSONNEL, FORTUNETELLING, DOMESTIC ANIMALS RUNNING AT LARGE, CONSTRUCTION NOISE, DEPOSITING RUBBISH ON PUBLIC PROPERTY, DISCHARGE OF WEAPONS, SIDEWALK MAINTENANCE, CATEGORY OF UTILITIES FEE, LOCAL SEPTIC TANK WASTES, AND UTILITIES DIRECTOR.

H. VACATING RIGHT-OF-WAY
Resolution No. 2006-20 was adopted vacating a portion of Carmen Lane right-of-way which was previously dedicated to the City by the Santa Barbara Research Center Parcel Map, Tract 5695, recorded on December 3, 1996. This portion of Carmen Lane is no longer necessary for public purposes.

Resolution No. 2006-20 adopted. RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, SUMMARILY VACATING A PORTION OF CARMEN LANE RIGHT-OF-WAY PURSUANT TO STREETS AND HIGHWAYS CODE, PART 3, CHAPTER 4, §8333 (c).

I. SUBDIVISION MAP AND AGREEMENT
Resolution No. 2006-21 was adopted approving the Subdivision Map and Agreement for Acquistapace Homes, Tract 5845, located south of the future extension of Sonya Lane, east of Blosser Road, north of the future extension of Carmen Lane, and west of the Santa Maria Valley Railroad Tracks.

Resolution No. 2006-21 adopted. RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE SUBDIVISION MAP AND AGREEMENT FOR ACQUISTAPACE HOMES, TRACT 5845.

J. SUBDIVISION MAP AND AGREEMENT
Resolution No. 2006-22 was adopted approving the Subdivision Map and Agreement for La Ventana, Tract 5886, located at the northwest corner of the Main Street and Fremont Street intersection.

Resolution No. 2006-22 adopted. RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE SUBDIVISION MAP AND AGREEMENT FOR LA VENTANA, TRACT 5886.

K. AWARD OF BID
Resolution No. 2006-23 was adopted awarding the bid and approving an agreement with G. Sosa Construction, Inc., for Robin Ventura Field, Bid No. 2006/05, in the amount of $270,922.20 (base bid of $233,789 plus additive alternate bid items in the amount of $37,133.20).

Resolution No. 2006-23 adopted. RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING A CONTRACT WITH G. SOSA CONSTRUCTION, INC., FOR · ·. VENTURA FIELD, NO. 2006/05.

L. TWO-HOUR PARKING ZONE
Resolution No. 2006-24 was adopted establishing a two-hour parking zone along the westerly and easterly right-of-ways of a portion of McClelland Street between Cook Street and Boone Street.

Resolution No. 2006-24 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING TWO-HOUR LIMITED TIME PARKING ZONES ON MCCLELLAND STREET PURSUANT TO SECTION 7-5.14 OF THE SANTA MARIA MUNICIPAL CODE.

SUNRISE TERRACE GPZ
A request for a General Plan Amendment from 10.45 acres of CC (Community Commercial) to 4.90 acres of CC (Community Commercial) and 5.55 acres of HDR-16 (High Density Residential/16 dwelling units per acre) and a Zone Change from 10.45 acres of PD/C-2 (Planned Development/General Commercial) to 4.90 acres of PD/C-2 (Planned Development/General Commercial) and 5.55 acres of PD/R-3 (Planned Development/ High Density Residential) for Sunrise Terrace located at the northeast corner of Santa Maria Way and Sunrise Drive and the southeast corner of Santa Maria Way and Miller Street, Assessor's Parcel Numbers 128-090-023, 128-090-022, and 109-010-029.

Director of Community Development Lindsey announced that the applicant had submitted a revised application and had requested this item be withdrawn from the agenda. Due to the nature of the revisions, the application had to be reviewed by the Planning Commission again and would come back to the City Council at a later date.

On motion by Councilmember Mariscal, seconded by Councilmember Orach, and carried unanimously, the item was withdrawn from the agenda.

REVISIONS TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ELEMENT

Director of Community Development Lindsey gave the staff report. This is a staff initiated item to update the Economic Development Element of the General Plan. On January 18, 2006, the Planning Commission, on a 4-0 vote with Commission Waterfield absent, adopted Resolution No. 2400 recommending the City Council approve the updates. The proposed revisions include updates to statistical information and text amendments that reflect process changes occurring subsequent to the element adoption in 2004. Revisions also include recognition of the shift in economic development responsibilities from the Economic Development Association to the Santa Maria Valley Chamber of Commerce, refining the focus and membership of the "SWAT" team, and updates to demographic data.

Mayor Lavagnino commended the Community Development Department on the document and said it was very well done.

Councilmember Orach asked about the Geographic Information System (GIS) and the timeframe of 2008 for implementation of the system.

Director Lindsey replied that there would be a person coming on board very soon to head that effort. The 2008 target date had not changed. He explained what steps had been taken to date toward getting a GIS system in place.

Councilmember Patino asked if there were any companies taking advantage of the Foreign Trade Zone.

Director Lindsey responded that he was not aware of any companies using it at this time; however, it was being used as a recruitment tool to solicit companies to move to this area.

Councilmember Mariscal asked about a City Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) not being put together for certification by the Small Business Administration because the County did one and filed it. He asked what City projects were included in the County's CEDS that were eligible for federal funding and if any federal funding been obtained.

Director Lindsey stated he was not aware of what projects the County had submitted for federal funding. He said he was not aware of any applicants locally wanting to take advantage of that program. He said he would contact the County and then take it to the Economic Development Commission.

Dave Ericson stated he thought the document should be revised and sent back to the Planning Commission. It should contain more common sense information and less flowery imaginations. He talked about the statistics listed on page 12 and 13 related to farm workers. He also spoke about the revolving loan fund for businesses.

Resolution No. 2006-27 was adopted approving the revisions and updates to the Economic Development Element of the General Plan on motion by Councilmember Trujillo, seconded by Councilmember Orach, and carried on the following vote:

AYES: Councilmember Mariscal, Orach, Patino, Trujillo, and Mayor Lavagnino
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Resolution No. 2006-27 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE UPDATE AND REVISION TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ELEMENT OF THE GENERAL PLAN, SP-2005-020, GP-2003-003, AND E-2003-036.

REPORT BY CITY MANAGER

City Manager Ness reported on items for the next regular City Council meeting on March 7, 2006, including public hearings for a Zoning Text Amendment relating to Mixed-Uses, a Zoning Text Amendment relating to building sites in manufacturing zones, and a Blosser Southwest Specific Plan Text Amendment. Additionally, staff is working with SBCAG to have a presentation by their staff on the A+B-Measure D reauthorization for either March 7th or March 21st.

ORAL REPORTS OF COUNCILMEMBERS

Councilmember Trujillo reported that on February 18th he attended a League of Women Voters meeting at the County Government Center where PG & E explained some of the things they are doing throughout the state. A group from TURN, a watch dog organization, was there as well.

Councilmember Patino announced that on Thursday from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Abel Maldonado Community Youth Center, Dr. Meg Meeker would speak on sexually transmitted diseases which is becoming an epidemic among youth. On Tuesday, March 28th, a town hall meeting will be held in the Council Chambers to address under aged drinking. She also reported on a CADCA Conference in Washington, D.C. that she had attended last week regarding drugs and alcohol.

Councilmember Mariscal reported that a Measure D presentation would be coming to the City Council. He was a proponent of Measure D reauthorization. As the representative of the City sitting on SBCAG, he wanted the Council to know that the proposal is different from the existing Measure D. There are some desires to modify not only the formula but also the way it is applied to both local jurisdictions and on a regional basis.
Councilmember Mariscal reported that he had attended the Filipino Community changing of officers on Saturday. They are a wonderful organization and have done so much for the community. He also spoke about the piano soloist who performed at the Santa Maria Philharmonic Orchestra on Saturday evening.

Mayor Lavagnino reported he had also attended the Filipino Community event on Saturday.

CLOSED SESSION

The City Council recessed to a Closed Session at 7:15 p.m. for Conference with Legal Counsel regarding existing litigation pursuant to Subsection (a) of Government Code Section 54956.9 to discuss Santa Maria Valley Water Conservation District v. City of Santa Maria.

After the Closed Session, the following was announced.

Conference with Legal Counsel regarding Santa Maria Valley Water Conservation District v. City of Santa Maria – Status report. No reportable action.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council at this time, the meeting was declared adjourned at 7:46 p.m. by order of Mayor Lavagnino.

APPROVED

March 7, 2006
Date

ATTEST:
Chief Deputy City Clerk

Chief Deputy City Clerk of the City of Santa Maria and ex officio Clerk of the City Council

Mayor of the City of Santa Maria